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HAVE PREPARED A LIST OF GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, SECRETARIES, AND SUBSECRETARIES FROM WHICH THEY WOULD SELECT A KIDNAP VICTIM IF THE EXTRADITION OF "MONTONERO" LEADER MARIO ((FIRMENICH)) FROM BRAZIL TO ARGENTINA GOES THROUGH. REPORTEDLY, THE IDEA OF THE "MONTONEROS" CONSISTS IN KIDNAPPING A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO EXCHANGE FOR FIRMENICH.

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3. THE NAME OF ROBERTO ((PENA)), THE HEAD OF SIDE, APPEARS ON THE "MONTONERO" LIST. FOR THIS REASON,

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THE SIZE OF PENA'S PROTECTIVE DETAIL WAS INCREASED WHEN PENA RETURNED FROM FRANCE ON 25 JUNE.

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THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES (FFAA) HAVE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE "MONTONEROS" WILL BEGIN TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF TERRORISM ONCE FIRMENICH IS BACK IN ARGENTINA. 3.3(b)(1)

THE "MONTONEROS" WILL DIRECT THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST FFAA PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE PRECEDING MILITARY GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES.

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6. (COMMENT: THERE ARE NO OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE "MONTONEROS" HAVE INTACT THE CLANDESTINE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH-LEVEL, POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED KIDNAPPINGS. INDEED, THERE ARE NO OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE "MONTONEROS" ARE PREPARED TO RETURN TO VIOLENCE. "MONTONEROS" WERE WELL-SCHOOLED AND WELL-PRACTICED IN POLITICAL KIDNAPPINGS AND OTHER FORMS OF TERRORISM UNTIL THE FFAA DAMAGED THE MOVEMENT SERIOUSLY DURING THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN OF THE 1970'S. EVEN THOUGH THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN ARGENTINA DOES NOT NOW SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR A RETURN TO TERRORISM BY THE "MONTONEROS," A FEW MEMBERS ATOF THE MOVEMENT, OR OTHER MALCONTENTS, COULD WELL BE TALKING ABOUT, OR ACTUALLY PLANNING, TERRORIST ACTS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH FIRMENICH'S RETURN TO ARGENTINA. ALSO, ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL MAY WELL BE TAKING STEPS TO COUNTERACT A POSSIBLE VIOLENT REACTION TO THE "MONTONERO" LEADER'S RETURN. THE DETENTION OF ANOTHER "MONTONERO" LEADER WHO RETURNED TO ARGENTINA OPENLY IN DECEMBER 1983 HAS NOT YET PRODUCED ANY VIOLENT BACKLASH.)

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7. (COMMENT: BRAZILIAN COURTS APPROVED FIRMENICH'S EXTRADITION WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHICH THE ARGENTINES ACCEPTED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE EXTRADITION MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AUGUST.)

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